

DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as follows:

Replace reference characters **28** and **30** with characters **28a**, **28b**, **30a**, and **30b** as shown on the Replacement Sheet and referenced in the remarks.

REMARKS

Previously, claims 1-20 were pending. After applicant has reviewed the office action from the examiner, the claims have been amended. In this office action, claim 9 remains the same, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are amended, claims 2, 5, 7, 11, 13, and 16 are canceled, claims 19 and 20 are withdrawn as to a non-elected invention, and claims 21 and 22 are newly added.

First, the claims of this application have been amended so as to focus more accurately upon the subject matter of this invention comprising a cylindrical one piece hand tool with opposite round tipped shafts extending from the lateral ends and coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the handle. A person places sandpaper upon the first shaft and then down upon the first face to square a hub. Then the person places sandpaper upon the second shaft and then down upon the second face having a conical depression to cone a hub. Alternatively, the first face has a ledge upon a chord to square and to cone a hub respectively without sandpaper as in Claims 9 and 18. Claims 21 and 22 have been added to incorporate the further alternate embodiment of a ledge upon the second face symmetric to the first face to cone a hub in lieu of sandpaper.

Second, regarding claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 15, the patent to Hoye, No. 2,734,320 teaches the use of a handle perpendicular to a head with two opposite ends that clean electrical fuse holders. Hoye's handle attaches to the head and the ends have a substantially rectangular shape suitable for a snug fit in the fuse clip. Further, Hoye teaches affixing abrasive material upon the faces of the ends.

In contrast, the present invention lacks a piece perpendicular to the handle for turning. Finger movement upon the present invention turns it as needed. The present invention has first and second shafts coaxial with the handle in Claim 1, a diameter implying a round cross section, and a diameter less than that of the

handle though suitable for a wheel hub. The present invention has round narrow shafts while Hoye has somewhat rectangular ends. For abrading wheels, the present invention cuts a hole in sandpaper using the tips upon the shafts, receives sand paper down the shafts, and rests the sandpaper upon the first and second faces. The sandpaper is generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle of the present invention whereas in Hoye the abrasive wraps around the ends and is generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the head. Further, the present invention has a second face with a conical depression making the present invention asymmetric unlike the symmetric Hoye tool.

Third, per the examiner's suggestion, claims have been amended to include dependent claims within rejected independent claims. Claim 1 now includes former claim 2, claim 4 has former claim 5, claim 6 has former claim 7, claim 10 incorporates former claims 11 and 13, and claim 15 includes former claim 16.

Fourth, recitation of the intended use differentiates the structure of the present invention from the Hoye '320 patent. The intended use of the present invention, finishing hubs, calls for a tool that manipulates a hub, particularly the exterior end of the hub. The prior art, though having abrasive on the ends, manipulates the interior of the fuse clips. The present invention, having abrasive at the base of a shaft on each face, manipulates the end of a hub. Further, the tips of the present invention cut and pierce sandpaper for a tight fit of the sandpaper over the shaft. In contrast, the prior art does not pierce sandpaper and has abrasive wrapped upon each end. Manipulating the prior art abrades the interior surface of a fuse clip while turning a wheel upon sandpaper on either face of the present invention abrades the exterior end of a hub.

Fifth, regarding the drawings particularly FIGS. 1, 1A, and 1B and reference characters 24, 28, 20 and 30 clarification is requested by the examiner.

FIG 1 shows the present invention from the side. Each shaft 18, 22 has a similar treatment of its respective tip 20, 24: a cutting edge formed by a depression 28. The depression 28 has a nadir as 30. The leader for the nadir 30 terminates at the depth of the depression 28 and the leader for the depression 28 terminates at the tip 20, 24. The Drawings and the Specification are hereby amended for 28a and 30a to represent the depression and nadir in the first tip, respectively, and for 28b and 30b to represent the depression and nadir in the second tip, respectively.

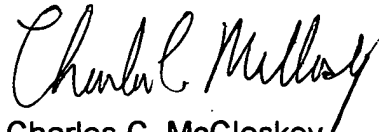
In FIG 1, depressions 28a, 28b and their nadirs 30a, 30b are similar upon both shafts 18, 22. In FIG 1A, again the depression 28b and nadir 30b appear though from an end view showing the depression 32 in the second face 16. To differentiate the tips in the end view, the second tip is referenced as 24. In FIG 1B, the depression 28a and nadir 30a appear in an end view showing the flat first face 14. And in FIG. 1D, the depression 28a and its nadir 30a occur in an alternate embodiment of the first face 14, shown in an end view. The reference characters 20 and 24 differentiate the tips shown in the end views of FIGS 1A, 1B and 1D.

Sixth, as requested, an information disclosure statement is submitted.

This application as amended withstands the prior art as cited by the examiner, whether the prior art be applied individually, or in combination, for use either anticipating or rendering obvious the claimed subject matter of the applicant's invention. Thus, obviousness cannot be established by combining teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting that combination. See the cases of *Ex parte Beuther*, 71 USPQ2 1313, (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 2003) and *In re Geiger*, 815 F2d. 686 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

All of the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for examination. Favorable action by the examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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